or abroad. Teachers with overt interest, aptitude, sense of participation and motivation for the project may achieve more in terms of students performance.

(9) The implementation of I the project even under difficult circumstances such as late receipt of hardware, the vast expanse of the country *etc.,* has been commendable. Further improvement in communication among the implementing agencies like NCERT, DOE, CME/SCL and State Governments would ensure *he success of expansion phase also. The evolution of a management information system will help to monitor the project more effica ciously and lend the project to periodical evaluation This will enable j all the concerned agencies to take corrective action whenever necessary The entire process of implementation, monitoring and evaluation will be interlinked more meaningfully and thus, facilitate the extrapolation 1 of project in a systematic manner.

(10) The UK aid has been indisputably very useful. In future, emphasis is to be in the field af Training of Teacher Trainers, software developers, improvements in hardware and relevant software packages. In a country like ours with scarce resources, the hardware and software given to schools is to be utilised to the optimum. It should be available to all the students of the school for use whenever the school authorities feel they can be exposed to the computers. On weekends students of other schools, parents and anyone interested may be invited to see the working of the computer-;. Making teachers available I for supervision and instruction at / some extra compensation to them is a small cost the society would be • paying' for throwing open the frontiers of knowledge to all those interested to explore far and wide.

(11) It must be stated that the three objectives of the CLASS Project like demystification, familiarization and hands-on experience have been fully achieved.

(b) Targets for the number of schools to be covered in the CLASS Programme was 250 in 1984-85 and 500 in 1985-86 , both of which have been kept without any reduction.

(c) The National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT) has been nominated by the Ministry of Human Resource Development as the nodal agency for coordination of training of school teachers and development of educational computer software under the project—Computer Literacy and studies in Schools (CLASS). Under an educational computer software deve lopment framework prepared by NCERT in collaboration wih the CLASS Resource Centres and the software industry, NCERT has introduced five software packages developed by CMC, which includes a Hindi package in the schools. Another seven packages developed indigenously are in the process *o£* introduction in the pilot schools this year.

In order to ensure quality and standard of educational software produced indigenously, NCERT has recently ciiculated the educational software specifications for the benefit to the software industry. It is proposed to introduce 100 indigenously produced educational packages covering the existing Curricular areas and cross Curricular ideas for the secondary and higher secondary stages in the plan period. In addition, steps have been initiated by NCERT for the formulation of computer studies and computer based vocational elective courses at the higher secondary level with appropriate software in conformity witli the objective of these courses.

INDIANS AND PAKISTANIS IN PAKISTANI AND INDIAN JAILS

2477. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

SHRI SHANKAR SINH VAGHELA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to ans-

" wer to Unstarred Question 532 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st November, 1985 and state :

(a) what is the number of Indian military personnel amongst the total of 850 nationals in Pakistani jails and the number of Pakistani nationals in Indian jails and how many of them are military personnel : and

(b) what are the details of efforts made so far to get the Indian prisoners released from the Pakistan jails and their release prospects, if any, in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) 43 Indian Defence personnel reported missing since the Indo-Pak conflict of 1971 are amongst 850 Indian nationals in Pakistan jails. Details about Pakistani nationals in Indian jails are being collected.

(b) Determined efforts have been made to obtain a list of Indian prisoners in Pakistan A protocol on Consular Access is in force between India and Pakistan since November 1982 and in August this year Consular Access was provided by either side to the Consular representatives of the other. Efforts are being made to arrange their repatriation to India Government continues to pursue all cases vigorously at various levels to affect the early release of Indian nationals from Pakistani jails.

Breaking off of Diplomatic Relations with India by Morocco

2478. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Morocco has broken-off diplomatic relation with India;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and j

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(c) what action the Government of India propose to take to restore dip lomatic relations with that country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) and (b) Morocco broke off diplomatic relations with India following our recognition of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic (SADR).

(c) Government have always endeavoured to strengthen the ties of friendship and understanding between Morocco and India and accordingly it is regretted that Morocco chose to break off diplomatic relations with India.

Advanced Light Helicopter Project

2479. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the latest position regarding Advanced light Helicopter Project ;

(b) when the project was approved first and when it was sanctioned:

(c) by when the helicopter is likely to be actually put into service,

(d) what are the reasons for inordinate delay in this regard ; and

(e) what was the estimated cost of the project when it was first sanctioned and what is the estimated cost of the project at present ?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND DEFENCE SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) to (e) M/s. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, have undertaken a project for the manufacture